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City Council approves paving bid

By TRISHA THOMPSON
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The bid to pave East South Avenue was accepted and other general business was discussed at a regular meeting of the Maryville City Council Monday.

A bid by Loch Sand and Construction Company, of Maryville, to pave East South Avenue from NEBS to Hester Street was made for $291,899.20. Matt Chesnut, interim city manager, said that the city is sharing the cost with the Nodaway County Commission.

"We have $100,000 budgeted for this project this year, however, I do believe we have some savings off the permanent street project this year and the street maintenance budget we could use for that," Chesnut said.

The township has already started grating for this project.

The tentative date to start paving is Aug. 1 and will take approximately two years to complete. Loch Sand and Construction was the only company to place a bid with the city.

Also at Monday's meeting, the Council approved an amendment to a city ordinance mandating that a cover and use of hoist on all pickup trucks must be used to off-load solid waste at the local landfill. This ordinance will be in effect Aug. 1.

Keith Wood, director of Public Safety, addressed the Council about a survey his department is conducting. The survey will cover topics such as community members' perception of crime in Maryville and the effectiveness of Public Safety. He said 500 surveys are being distributed evenly among the four quadrants of town.

"It will be interesting to find out," Wood said.

Wood also expressed concern over traffic on Crestview Avenue, which is very busy.

"It has been hazardous for a number of years and we try to address it in a number of different enforcement activities," Wood said.

A community member approached Wood with the idea of making Crestview a one-way street. Wood said about 10 houses would be directly affected by this proposed change and he would be willing to survey the residents as to how they feel about the change.

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Match made at Northwest

After more than two decades in Maryville, couple decides to retire from the University where they met

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Rick and Annelle Weymuth will be leaving Northwest after this summer. Each will leave the University with various contributions.

They say an institution is only as good as its members, and this is certainly the case for Northwest. While every member contributes as much time and energy that is necessary to maintain the level of quality that the institution is known for, there are a select few that raise that level. This summer Northwest is losing two such members; Rick and Annelle Weymuth are both retiring. A relationship that was born and grew here, their story is truly a part of Northwest history.

Richard Weymuth grew up in Cole Camp, the son of a third generation Chevrolet dealer. It was always expected that Rick would take over the family business, so it came as quite a shock to his family when, during his senior year of high school, he decided to become a teacher.

After high school, Rick attended Central Missouri State University, where he received his bachelor's of music education in voice and single reed woodwinds. He then stayed at CMSU for his master's degree in voice performance. After receiving his master's, he attended the University of Florida- Coral Gables, where he received his Ph.D. in music education and administration.

Rick then returned to the Midwest to begin his teaching career. He spent 11 years teaching at North Kansas City public schools, two of which were spent teaching elementary school, two teaching middle school, and seven teaching at Winnatonka High School.

In 1980, three institutions offered Rick jobs in higher education and administration, and Northwest was one of them. When asked why he chose Northwest, he recalled his visit to the campus.

"When leaving, I looked in the rear view mirror and I just knew that I couldn't live without that job," he said.

Rick took the job and has been a member of the Northwest family ever since.

Annelle Weymuth grew up in Columbus, Ind. She attended Purdue University for her undergraduate degree in vocational home economics. She then attended Indiana University for her master's degree in family studies. Annelle admits that before 1976, when a position in her field opened up at Northwest, she had never heard of Maryville before. However, after visiting the campus and the community, she decided Northwest and Maryville were the best place to live, work and raise her son, D.J.

Annelle came in as an instructor of family studies in what is now the Family and Consumer Science Department, and within a few years she became an assistant professor. She soon began to try her hand at other facets of education, and in 1980 took a one-year leave from regular teaching and became the coordinator of Residential Life.

She also began to take groups of students, faculty and alumni on trips to the Starlight Theater in Kansas City. The trips were a huge success, but she needed someone to pick up the tickets in Kansas City the week of the shows. She turned to a faculty member who volunteered by the name of Rick Weymuth. In exchange for picking up the tickets, Annelle would take Rick along for free.

The two instantly hit it off.

"Rick has just such a wonderful sense of humor and is just so kind and caring," Annelle said. "D.J. and Rick got along very well too."

In 1984 Rick and Annelle were married.

Over the years, the couple have made numerous improvements to Northwest through their hard work and dedication.

Annelle received her Ph.D. from the University of Missouri, and in 1991 was offered the position of executive assistant to Northwest President Dean Hubbard. She has been working out of that office ever since.

"Annelle has always been a very steady, very dependable, calming influence for this University," Hubbard said.

Annelle is constantly busy with several different facets of Northwest, including working with and educating students and faculty about Equal Employment Opportunity and the Americans with Disability Act. She represents the president at various functions and meetings. She has helped to develop the State Arboretum, the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics, and Computing, and the conversion to trimesters. She also has been involved with the Malcolm Baldridge National Quality Award for strategic planning regarding Northwest's long-term goals.

While his wife was busy working to enhance Northwest's administrative system, Rick was working to expand the music department.

In just more than 20 years, Rick has taken Northwest's music program to new heights. He has been the director of the annual Northwest summer music camps, the director of the Northwest show and jazz choir festivals, the producer of the Yuletide Feasts and the creator of Northwest's award-winning show choir, Celebration.

Rick said that in order to be successful in what one does, one must live by three things: hard work, enthusiasm and fun. He says he has tried his best to always live by these three things, and it has certainly paid off. Since Rick arrived at Northwest, the show choir's list of participating schools has grown from eight or nine to 48 with a waiting list. The Yuletide Feasts have become so popular that although they have grown in size, they have sold out every night for 16 years. Also, Celebration has brought unprecedented critic acclaim to its members and Northwest.

"The reason why these groups have always been so good is because I have had the greatest students that believe in hard work, enthusiasm and fun," Rick said.

While Rick's contributions have manifested themselves into several awards and other material recognition, perhaps the most significant legacy he will leave behind are his students.

"He is an extreme inspiration in all aspects of life," said Stacy Schumacher, the president of Celebration. "I am very grateful of being not only his student, but also his friend."

Once retired, Rick and Annelle plan to take a year of pure relaxation to decide what to do with their future. They have purchased a home on the island of Hilton Head, S.C. Rick said that they had been vacationing there for 10 years and now could possibly make it their permanent residence, but they are quick to point out that they are in no rush.

"Its like being 20 again, only you have money this time," Annelle said.

Rick will officially retire July 1, and Annelle will follow closely behind, leaving Northwest September 1, and while they hate to go, they are looking forward to a bright future.

"I've always loved what I did," Rick said as a smile crossed his face. "And I have absolutely loved Northwest."

While the story of Rick and Annelle Weymuth's involvement with Northwest will soon come to an end, their contributions will remain.

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Korean students visit Northwest for English course

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Nine students from Byuksung College in Korea are participating in the Preparatory English Program at Northwest.

This is the fourth summer students have been visiting Northwest, with this being the largest class, said Nancy Hardee, a teacher in the PEP.

Provost Taylor Barnes said the students not only learn conversational English, but also are introduced to the American culture.

"This is not only a language immersion, but a cultural immersion," Barnes said.

The students will not only participate in 13 days of class, they will also get a chance to take field trips throughout the Midwest. Students will visit St. Joseph museums, see John Brown's Cave in Nebraska, take a ride in a riverboat, go to Worlds of Fun in Kansas City, see a rodeo and more, Hardee said.

President Dean Hubbard commented on the program's effort in teaching the American culture.

"You can't believe the extra mile they go," Hubbard said.

Along with those experiences, the students will get to learn more about Northwest. Students will tour the greenhouse, fish farm, Mary Linn Performing Arts Center and the tree walk, Hardee said.

Hardee said that students are given the opportunity to travel so that they hear American voices that are not just their teachers.

With the help of Maryville families, the students will learn about American families by spending an evening with the volunteers. Hardee said the students will have an American meal and participate in an activity like music or board games. The students are then required to complete an assignment about the evening, usually by an interview with the family.

"They have such an eagerness to learn and experience this new place," Hardee said. "It's energizing to be in a group like that and part of it."

While their English is in its beginning stages, the students are enjoying their stay. Students Doo San Baek, Yong Woon Kim, Sun Jin Jung and Yong Ki Kim all said they were excited to be here and learn English. They all plan to come back to Northwest and study computer science after getting their two-year degree in Korea.

"We've had three students return from the first and second groups," Hardee said. "There's always about a two-year waiting period for them to finish their degrees."

PHOTO BY MARJIE KOSMAN/EDITOR IN CHIEF

Students from Korea take part in their welcome dinner Monday. They are from Byuksung College and are here to study English.

Hardee said that every summer she learns more about the students' needs and wants while participating in the program. She also said the students were her favorite part of the program.

"This is a plus not only for the University, but for the community," Hardee said. "We bring a little bit of the world here."

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Fireworks popular, dangerous tradition

By MARJIE KOSMAN
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Celebrating America's independence often includes picnics, parties and, of course, fireworks. The bright sparks in the sky leave most spectators in awe, but up close, fireworks can be dangerous.

According to the American Pyrotechnics Association, 8,500 fireworks-related injuries occurred in 1999. Most of these injuries were caused by illegal firecrackers.

In Maryville, illegal fireworks include pop bottle rockets or anything guided by a stick, said Lt. Phil Rickabaugh from the fire division of Maryville Public Safety.

Using prohibited fireworks will result in a misdemeanor charge and a fine up to $500.

"We really haven't had too many problems with illegal fireworks in the past," Rickabaugh said. "As long as people use common sense when they use them, they'll be fine."

Fireworks can be used in Maryville on July 4 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Public fireworks displays are a favorite event on Independence Day. The APA offers tips to best enjoy a fireworks display.

First, do not sit too close. The best view of a show is from at least 500 feet away.

Next, watch for the quality and brightness of the colors. Deep blue and pure white are especially difficult colors to produce. Also, there should not be any lag time. There should always be something to enjoy.

Last, do not pick up any remains of fireworks that may be on the ground. Professionals will clean all materials after the show and the remains could be dangerous.

For more information on fireworks and safety tips, visit the National Council on Fireworks Safety website at www.fireworksafety.com.

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FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

- Always read and follow label directions.
- Only buy fireworks from reliable sellers.
- Use outdoors.
- Always have water handy.
- Light only one firework at a time.
- Never re-light a "dud" firework. Wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water and then disposing of them in a trashcan.
- Never throw or point fireworks at other people.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.
- The shooter should always wear eye protection and never have any part of the body over the firework.
- Stay away from illegal explosives
- Only ignite fireworks outside in a well-cleared area.
- Have a responsible adult supervise all fireworks activities.

SOURCE: THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON FIREWORKS SAFETY WEBSITE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

- **Cheerleading Camp I**
- **Teen Retreat**, Missouri Western State College, St. Joseph
- **Board of Regents meeting**, 1 p.m., Board Room, Student Union

FRIDAY

- **Sts. Peter and Paul Day**
- **Second Session Ends**
- **SOAR**
- **Cheerleading Camp I**
- **Track and Field Camp**, Grades 7-11
- **Teen Retreat**, Missouri Western State College, St. Joseph

SATURDAY

- **SOAR**
- **Cheerleading Camp I**
- **Track and Field Camp**, Grades 7-11
- **SCC Core Team Meeting**, 7:30 a.m., Office Meeting Room, St. Gregory's

SUNDAY

- **Canada Day**
- **Cheerleading Camp I**
- **Track and Field Camp**, Grades 7-11
- **Parenting Isn't for Cowards**, 9:30 a.m., Community of Faith Church
- **Halls open at 1 p.m.**

MONDAY

- **Third Session begins**
- ***Over Here: The World War II Home Front***, 7 p.m., Nodaway County Historical Society

TUESDAY

- **Cancer Support Group**, 6 p.m., Technical School

WEDNESDAY

- **Independence Day**
- **No Classes**

THURSDAY

- **Worth County 4-H Council Meeting**, 5 p.m., Extension Office Meeting Room, Grant City

Good doggie

PHOTO BY MARJIE KOSMAN/EDITOR IN CHIEF

Kaylee Green, 7, pets President Dean Hubbard's dog, Thatcher, Monday evening at the president's house. She was there with her family participating in a welcome barbecue picnic for a group of Korean students who arrived at Northwest Sunday.

PUBLIC SAFETY

June 18

■ Fire units responded to a grass fire in the 1700 block of East First.

June 19

■ An officer received a report from a business in the 1600 block of South Main that they had received a check that had came back stolen.

■ David D. James, 16, Maryville, was north on North Main, stopped in traffic. Melissa L. Moody, 21, Maryville, was behind James. Moody struck James. Moody was issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving while striking another vehicle in the rear.

June 20

■ An officer served a Maryville Municipal warrant on Michael P. Patterson, 21, Maryville, for failure to appear. He was issued a summons for failure to appear and released after posting bond.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that she was receiving harassing phone calls at her residence in the 100 block of South Fillmore.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that he was receiving harassing phone calls at his residence in the 200 block of South Grand.

June 21

■ While out in the 600 block of South Main, an officer observed a vehicle excessively accelerate. The vehicle was stopped in the 1200 block of South Main. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Jeffery P. Rock, 21, Maryville. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not complete. He was arrested for DWI after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for excessive acceleration.

■ An officer received a report of a male individual yelling obscenities in the 400 block of West Fourth. Arnold E. Roebke, 40, Maryville, was issued a summons for disorderly conduct.

■ An officer recovered a tricycle from the 1100 block of West 17th.

■ While on patrol at Mozingo Lake, an officer observed a boat with no navigation lights. The operator of the boat was identified as Ronald E. Shanks, 49, Ravenwood. He was issued summonses for operating a boat with an open container and failure to maintain proper lights—boat.

■ While on patrol at Mozingo Lake, an officer observed fireworks coming from the beach area. Traci R. Strand, 20, Maryville, and Michael D. Cady, 24, Maryville, were issued summonses for fireworks violation.

June 22

■ Officers assisted probation and parole in serving a warrant.

■ While on patrol on North Mulberry, an officer observed a vehicle fail to come to a complete stop at the stop sign at Fourth and Mulberry. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Joshua L. O'Neil, 22, Hamburg, Iowa. A check through Missouri Department of Revenue showed his driving status as suspended. He was issued summonses for driving while suspended and failure to stop at a posted stop sign.

■ An officer received a report from a Clyde female that someone had taken numerous blocks from her property in the 2600 block of South Main.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that her checkbook had been lost or stolen.

June 23

■ Bret D. Deardorff, 29, Maryville, was traveling east in the 1000 block of West First. Jeremy L. Meyer, 20, Maryville, was traveling west in the 1000 block of West First, attempting to make a left turn into a private drive. Deardorff struck Meyer. Meyer was issued a summons for fail to yield to right of way to oncoming vehicle.

■ While on patrol in the 1100 block of South Main, an officer observed a vehicle excessively accelerate from a parking lot. The vehicle was stopped in the 800 block of South Main. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Russell D. Crabtree, 33, Maryville. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not complete. He was transported to Nodaway County Jail where he was unable to complete the blood alcohol content test. He was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ While on patrol on South Main, an officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at the stop sign at Thompson and Main. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Samara L. Gilgour, 20, Maryville. While speaking with her, an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which she could not complete. She was arrested for DWI after her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was also issued summons for failure to stop at posted stop sign.

■ An officer recovered a bicycle from the 700 block of West Edwards.

June 24

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that someone had damaged her vehicle while it was parked in the 500 block of North Laura.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that his vehicle had been damaged while parked in the 400 block of North Laura.

■ Leslie A. Wayne, 16, Maryville, was westbound on West Edwards. James B. Swalley, 36, Maryville, was northbound on South Walnut. Wayne entered the intersection on Walnut and Edwards and was struck by Swalley. Wayne was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Officers received a report of a loud party in the 400 block of North Walnut. Ryan J. Sullivan, 18, Maryville, and Zachary E. Hennegin, 18, Maryville, were issued summonses for providing false information to a public safety officer.

■ Officers received a report of a fight in the 400 block of North Buchanan. Upon arrival, Bryan C. Dailey, 24, Hopkins, was issued summonses for assault and failure to comply. He was transported to Nodaway County Jail in lieu of bond.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that his vehicle had been damaged while parked in the 700 block of East First.

■ An officer served two summonses for installer's permit required and permits required to Joe Gigliotti, 33, Maryville.

June 25

■ Officers received a report of a domestic dispute in the 1200 block of East Second. The case is being forwarded to the Prosecutor's Office for review.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville business in the 1600 block of South Main that two male individuals were attempting to leave the store without paying for items. Jeremy M. Lutz, 22, Maryville, and Joshua M. Mayer, 20, Maryville, were issued summonses for larceny.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville business in the 1600 block of South Main that two male individuals were attempting to leave the store without paying for items. One male individual was referred to the Juvenile Office. Damon A. Ross, 18, Maryville, was issued a summons for stealing.

■ Rita M. Schieber, 84, Maryville, was making a turn onto West South Ave. from South Main, she left the roadway, striking a retaining wall.

■ Angela R. Rageth, 20, Maryville, was traveling eastbound in the 200 block of West Jenkins. Patricia D. Vinzant, 51, Maryville, was traveling northbound in the 200 block of South Buchanan. Vinzant struck Rageth. Rageth was issued a summons for failure to stop at posted stop sign.

■ Chris A. Sunderman, 32, Braddyville, Iowa, was northbound on South Main. Kyle E. Lager, 19, Maryville, was southbound on South Main. Theresa J. Immel, Maryville, was parked in a private parking lot. Lager was making a left turn into the private parking lot. Sunderman struck Lager, causing Lager to strike Immel. Lager was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving by failure to yield to oncoming traffic.

June 27

■ Terry J. Winger, Maryville, was parked in a private drive in the 900 block of East Fourth, when it rolled down the hill, striking Earl J. Howard's, Maryville, vehicle.

BIRTHS

Dakota John Auffert

Damian and Dana Auffert, Parnell, are the parents of Dakota John, born June 21 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and joins one brother, Dalton.

His maternal grandparents are Daniel and Roxann Kell, Leavenworth, Kan. His paternal grandparents are Philip and Patricia Auffert, Parnell.

Chase Blaine Farnan

Jeff and Joan Farnan, Maryville, are the parents of Chase Blain, born June 19 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and joins four brothers, Clinton, Kellan, Kyler and Caden.

His maternal grandparents are Joe and Marian Mattson, Conception Junction. His paternal grandparent is Carylon Franan, Maryville.

Dawson Scott Mercer

Rodney and Kerri Mercer, Parnell, are the parents of Dawson Scott, born June 18 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and joins two brothers, Dakota and Darek, and one half-sister, Bianca.

His maternal grandparents are Clyde and Betty Scott, Springfield, Ore. His paternal grandparents are Fred and Georgia Mercer, Parnell.

Ashlyn Marie Oltman

Matt and Tammy Oltman, Maryville, are the parents of Ashlyn Marie, born June 22 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 9 pounds, 11 ounces and joins one sibling, Keston.

Her maternal grandparents are Bob and Sheila Schrunk, Norborne. Her paternal grandparents are Richard and Grayce Oltman, Maryville.

Fun in the sun

PHOTO BY TRISHA THOMPSON/ MANAGING EDITOR

Leah Bostwick, 9, and Megan Curtis, 15, hula hoop for fun at tennis camp at Northwest. This is the fourth and final week for the tennis camp. The program ran Sunday through Thursday.

Dont be another face in the crowd.

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MY VIEW

Baseball trade makes sense from editors standpoint

BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

Finally, the summer hit a bang for me when the spring could not generate a single purpose in wanting to watch the MLB.

After watching another dry and predictable movie last Friday, "The Fast and the Furious," my twin sister, her boyfriend and myself gathered ourselves at Joe's Crabshack to partake in some seafood to make up for the movie, when it happened.

As I was sucking down a Corona Extra, I looked up at the television in front of us and saw that the Cleveland Indians acquired outspoken and heavily baggaged Atlanta Braves closer John Rocker for relievers Steve Reed and Steve Karsay.

All of a sudden the Corona went spewing out of my nose and I pointed to the television to show Erica and Shawn what had occurred.

Of course, Erica did not care about the transaction, but the event put a smile on Shawn's face.

"The American League needs someone like Rocker to shake things up with his attitude," he said. "There isn't anything that grabs you and makes you want to pay attention to baseball in the Midwest. Rocker can do that."

Commissioner Bud Selig suspended Rocker at the start of the 2000 season for making racists remarks in a Sports Illustrated article in December 1999. In the article, Rocker was talking about New York fans and offended several minorities.

When I asked Shawn how this could be a positive situation, he was quick to say that Rocker is a man who loves to be hated and loves to "add fuel to the fire."

It took a little soul searching and research, but I too came to the conclusion that this transaction will help the Indians.

This could be a good marketing strategy to get fans back into the seats of Jacobs Field. After selling out 455 consecutive games, the streak was broken at the beginning of the year and has not fully recovered.

Even though Cleveland is in first of the pitiful American League Central Conference, this team has been decimated with free agency and aging. Adding someone like Rocker can help add saves and ticket sales as long as he does not choose to alienate anybody.

I do not see him hurting the Indians' chances by publicly criticizing anybody but himself after his first press conference as an Indian in Kansas City last weekend.

After being asked what his thoughts where when he was first traded, he was quick to talk baseball and not his feelings.

"Why is reaction always such a big deal with you people?" Rocker said. "Gosh, who cares? The mound is going to be 60-feet, 6-inches away. The ball is going to be five ounces and there's going to be a hitter with a 34-inch, 32-ounce bat. Who cares about reaction?"

Another reason why this makes sense is the fact the Indians have an experienced and dependable closer for the next four years as long as his priorities are straight.

Closer Bob Wickman, who was moved to the setup role after the trade, Karsay and Reed will become free agents at the end of the season, and would probably seek employment elsewhere even if the Rocker trade would not have transpired.

To me, this deal makes sense from a management and marketing standpoint. This could turn out to be a major turning point or disastrous trade for Cleveland. Either way Rocker's comments will never die and that is rightfully so for some, but people need to give him a second chance.

Lastly switching gears, I wanted to make a prediction for a college football game Sept. 29, at Memorial Stadium in Columbia, the University of Missouri 29— the University of Nebraska 28. Believe it, Tiger football is a sleeping giant that will stir things up this year.

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YOUR VIEW

What is your opinion on religious groups using public schools as meeting places?

"I think it's a wonderful idea that church organizations get to meet within the school building. All other groups can have meetings in schools."

Nancy Diggs
Maitland resident

"They should have as much privilege as any other organization unless it's hurting any group of people."

Vernie Greenaway
Masters of business administration

"It's wrong because you have to have separation between the church and the state."

Jason Meredith
Bedford, Iowa resident

"I think it's fine, as long as the school doesn't force people to go."

Lesley Rush
Maryville resident

"I think they should be considered as any other organization allowed to meet in school."

Shawn Sandell
Masters of business administration

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OUR VIEW

Road Rage

Frustration on highways results in dangerous situations causing preventable accidents, deaths

The recent conviction of Andrew Burnett ,who was found guilty of animal cruelty for tossing a small dog to its death on a busy highway, has opened the nation's eyes to the chilling effects of road rage.

Burnett could face up to three years in prison for killing the pup named Leo in a road rage incident. The incident occurred after a minor traffic accident, when the other driver, Sara McBurnett, yelled at him. Burnett reached in through her open car window and grabbed her dog. Soon after, she spotted Leo running across two lanes of traffic, and the dog was struck and killed seconds later.

Road rage and aggressive driving have been around since cars were invented. More than 41,000 people died in traffic accidents in 1997, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The government agency said that two-thirds of those deaths were the result of road rage.

Signs of road rage include mentally and verbally condemning other drivers, speeding and slowing down to prevent other drivers from passing, tailgating, honking, yelling, making obscene gestures, and using weapons or your vehicle as a weapon, all constitute road rage.

In a high-stress world where "time is money," it seems that everyone is in a hurry. The culture of road rage has deep roots. We inherit aggressive and dangerous driving patterns as children, watching our parents and other adults behind the wheel, and by watching and absorbing bad driving behaviors depicted in movies and television commercials. Driving and road rage have become virtually inseparable. Why?

Experts point to the same factors: more cars, more traffic, more frustration. Drivers need to take their own precautions and tolerate other drivers while traveling.

First, think of the other driver. Take into account that the other driver has feelings, too. It matters little what causes bad driving. It could be a bad day at the office, a love affair going sour, credit cards maxed out, or any number of personal difficulties a person faces. All it takes is a matter of seconds before a normally mild-mannered commuter is consumed with a surge of anger that can flare into road rage. Becoming more tolerant of other drivers can help reduce accidents, and may calm your temper when it starts to flare in road rage.

The NHTSA has many recommendations to help reduce driving accidents. First, do not challenge aggressive drivers by matching their behaviors. Second, avoid making eye contact with aggressive drivers. Third, ignore obscene gestures made by aggressive drivers. And finally, report aggressive driving to authorities, especially when it results in an accident.

Keeping these helpful tips in mind may help reduce the amount of road rage you have while driving and help create a safer driving environment.

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MY VIEW

Reporter calls for truce from Mother Nature

SCOTT PHILLIPS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Dearest Mother Nature,

I write you on behalf of northwest Missouri in hopes to make amends. You've made it painfully obvious that you have some sort of beef with us. But what did we do? Did northwest Missouri collectively step on your toe? Did we get together and rain on your parade so now you take your vengeance out on us? Why do you consistently pound us with inconsistent weather?

Take, for instance, last week. I stepped out of my front door through a portal that took me to the edge of heaven. It was a perfect day, like something you would see in a movie.

There were neighbors conversing on whatever 40- something neighbors converse about while they were tending to their respective gardens.

A young couple was strolling their newborn child down the street in utter delight because they were in love with life, their new arrival and each other.

A young doe was drinking from a small brook when a little robin flew onto its shoulder whistling "Muskrat Love," well ok. Maybe not that, but you get the picture, it was a nice day. I think I might have even caught a tan en route to the library. Because of the nice day, I entered the library with a permanent grin and the best esteem to take care of my business.

An hour later, I walked out of the library, still sporting my grin, to discover light drizzle. I thought to myself, "It's no big deal. It's just a light drizzle." Ha, ha, big mistake bucko. I then continued to walk home and noticed the rain picking up with every step I took.

It was like I was your little lab rat caught up in your devious scheme against northwest Missouri. Two minutes later, water was hitting me so fast and so hard I could have shampooed my hair had I had my Herbal Essence on me. Through a mask of rain, a look of fury grew on my face with every drop that hit. In five minutes I went from Johnny Cochran the day OJ gets married again to Johnny Bobbit the morning he woke up with his manhood detached.

The worst part about this weather is it happens on a regular basis. And if it isn't the spontaneous storms, it's the winds we are forced to battle while outside.

Well mother, I'm tired of battling. That's why I write you this letter, in hopes of a treaty to stop this unmerciful madness. I realize you have menstrual cycles just like all the other female goddesses, so if that's the reason, we can empathize.

But you have to let us out of the dark. Throw us a bone here mother. Whatever personal vendetta you have against us has to be reprioritized. All I ask is consistency with a little less wind; maybe we can have ferocious wind every other day or something. We can work something out, just meet us half way.

It would be great if we could get this resolved before the winter season, that's when you really like to have fun with us.

So anyway, let us know so we can bring an end to all this senselessness and live together in perfect harmony like that Stevie Wonder and Paul McCartney song.

Sincerely,
Scott

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Housing plan to be presented

By SAMANTHA FOX
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Northwest is making plans to build a bigger and better living environment for students.

A 20-year plan will be presented at the Board of Regents meeting Thursday. The Residential Life Master Plan is a plan two years in the making.

According to Matt Baker, assistant director of Residential Life, this plan will take about 20 years to complete.

"We are doing this to ensure a better on-campus life for all students," Baker said.

The master plan has four phases. The first phase will start in April 2003. Apartment-type buildings will be built in the tundra area behind the Conference Center. These buildings will add 360 more rooms on campus. Each apartment will contain two bedrooms, a small living room, one bathroom and will come fully furnished. These will be available for juniors, seniors and graduate students.

The next couple of phases include the remolding of Hudson and Perrin halls, the building of more apartment buildings if needed, and the demolition of Franken Hall.

"For the last phases there are two options," Baker said. "The first is renovating Millikan and Dieterich halls. And the second option is the demolition of the halls."

North Complex, which contains Cooper and Douglas halls, will become the home for the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing students.

Should the Board of Regents approve this project, architectural plans will begin in the spring of 2002, and construction will start in the spring of 2003 with the hope of completion by July 2004.

Focus groups were conducted and Northwest was also compared to other colleges, which lead up to the decision for new buildings.

"We want to make students more involved socially, especially for freshmen," Baker said. "We want students to develop better social skills, develop study skills and we need to fix what we got."

The apartment buildings are a little more private for the upper classmen.

"We feel that juniors and seniors know how to study by now, and they know how to get involved on campus," Baker said.

According to Baker, the renovations and the construction of the new buildings will not cost Northwest students anything.

"Financially we are fine, it seems to flow," Baker said.

Baker is hoping that all of the construction and remolding will be complete by July 2013.

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Maleena Mansoor studies for her Macro Economics final. It is one of three finals she has on Thursday. Mansoor is originally from Afghanistan and is one of 103 international students that enrolled for summer classes at Northwest. She came to the United States because she wanted the opportunity for higher education.

Foreign student enrollment increases for summer session

By ANDREW TOWNSEND
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Northwest strives to promote diversity among its students and faculty. And by looking around, one may be able to see it succeeding.

Between 1996 and 1999, about 25 new international students came to Northwest each year. According to the Intercultural and International Center, in the 1999-2000 academic year that number increased to 33. During the '00-'01 school year, that number rocketed to 89. The incoming students have added to the existing number bringing international student enrollment up to 103 for the summer sessions.

Negar Davis, director of the IIC, attributes the rise in enrollment to Northwest's launch of an aggressive international student recruitment program in 1999.

Northwest placed international ads in reputable magazines and used the Internet extensively to promote itself and to get in touch with potential students. Hopeful students can also learn about Northwest in overseas academic advisement centers. Through these centers, face-to-face meetings are set up and personal contact is established. Because of these efforts, Northwest receives more than 3,000 inquiries each year from students around the world, Davis said.

The large number of international students adds a great deal of diversity to the campus and the community.

"We can gain a lot of wisdom by interacting with people from other countries," Davis said. "Being with people is much more powerful than reading about it in a book. You are touching, feeling and learning from them personally."

The IIC continues to work with the students after they come to the United States. It begins with orientation, advising and counseling. The IIC also has many outreach activities and it attempts to link students with the community. According to Davis, the more connected students feel to the community, on and off campus, the more they achieve academically.

Maleena Mansoor is a Northwest student originally from Afghanistan. She moved to Saudi Arabia with her family as a child. Saudi Arabia did not allow her to continue her education because she was not a citizen. So Mansoor came to the United States because she wanted the opportunity for higher education.

"I don't have any opportunities back home," Mansoor said. "There's no opportunity for women. I want to work and be independent. They don't allow anything like that in Afghanistan."

Mansoor came to Northwest after meeting Malik Raff in Saudi Arabia. Raff's husband, John Raff, was head of the Preparatory English Program (PEP) at the time.

Besides the IIC and the PEP department, Mansoor said she also takes advantage of places like the Talent Development Center and the Writing Center. In general she said everyone is very helpful to international students.

Another student, Sunil Mehra, came to Northwest after hearing about it from a counselor at an overseas academic advisement center. Mehra came to Northwest from India about one year ago.

"I came to the U.S. to learn about a different culture," Mehra said. " I wanted exposure and experiences with students from all over."

Mehra said many counselors recommended Northwest because it is safe and economical.

Mehra said that people at Northwest are very helpful and understanding of issues of diversity. He said the people in the IIC make it feel like home, and the students, staff and faculty are willing to help.

Mehra is still heavily involved with the IIC and plans to continue during his academic career.

According to Davis, students like Mehra and Mansoor are assets to the University. Being with people from other countries can only add to people's understanding of the world.

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Old cars featured at local show

By SCOTT PHILLIPS
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Thirty-one classic cars "Cruised in Style" in the Hardee's parking lot in Maryville Saturday.

The event, which displayed vintage cars and pickups from the 1950s and 60s, brought in car collectors from Maryville and surrounding areas.

KNIM broadcasted the event live, while Hardee's employees, dressed in old-fashioned attire, grilled food for the spectators to enjoy.

Dave James, a used car salesman from St. Joseph, came to Maryville in his pink 1938 Chevrolet Sedan to participate in the show.

An oversized Pink Panther doll sat behind the steering wheel of the muscle car, matching the pink coat; James sat next to his car with a matching pink shirt.

This is the second classic car James has to show off, though he only brought the Sedan. He can also be seen in his vintage Cadillac Convertible.

James used to build classic cars but now finds it more convenient to buy them.

Russ Stull, a factory worker and former Northwest student, journeyed from Clarinda, Iowa, to Saturday's show.

Stull traveled in typical Andrew "Dice" Clay style in his 1967 Ford Fairlane, the same car he drove from Clarinda to Maryville while he was attending school.

His Ford Fairlane has made an appearance on the cover of "Hot Rod" magazine and tours yearly on the "Hot Rod Power Tour" which is sponsored by the magazine.

With the exception of the tour, the self-taught mechanic likes to keep his shows local.

"It's just a hobby, that's why I only travel to local shows," said Stull.

Sandy Cochran, the show's coordinator and Hardee's employee, said the turnout was what she had hoped for.

"The turnout was fantastic," Cochran said. "I was very pleased, as was my boss."

While Cochran was satisfied with the turnout, next time she hopes to see a lot more.

Because of the solid turnout, another car show is planned for July 21.

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History books donated

By JANA HANSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Northwest recently received a donation of books composed by Charles and Barbara Jelavich, the parents of Northwest professor Mark Jelavich. The Jelavich books are a collection inspired by Eastern European history and lifestyle.

Northwest professor Richard Frucht was a protégé of the Jelavich's.

"They are two of the most wonderful people I've ever known and I feel lucky to have worked under them, they were not only my mentors, but my friends," Frucht said.

The books will be used for some of Frucht's classes to enhance papers and for outside reading assignments.

"Now we have sources to better research materials," Frucht said. "More materials make students more interested in the subject."

Frucht added he would like to utilize the books to add more classes to Northwest curriculum, possibly adding a Balkans lecture class. He said these books could give students in the history department an advantage because these are resources that were not available before.

"We now have resources others will envy," Frucht said.

Frucht has had the opportunity to express his knowledge in this field as well. His Encyclopedia of Eastern Europe was published a year ago. He is currently working on a three-volume series on Eastern Europe.

The books are available to students at the Owens Library on Northwest's campus.

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New business makes wedding shopping easier

By APRIL WARNEMUNDE
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Jenni Kuykendall knows all about searching for the perfect wedding dress. Her stress in the shopping process made her want to help others find their perfect dress.

She opened her own bridal shop in Maryville, Jenni's Timeless Memories, located at 218 N. Main Street.

Originally from Fillmore, Kuykendall started a business of her own that helps women become gorgeous brides with less stress. Being engaged herself, she knows the fine details a wedding requires. She wants to help women find the dress that will make them feel the most comfortable and beautiful for their wedding day.

Maryville was a wide open market for the bridal industry. Kuykendall's dresses are priced at a budget that can suit any bride. Her dresses range from an average of $400-$600, and she carries the brands Bridal Originals, Jacquline and Mary's. She is willing to order any dress a woman desires if she does not have it on stock. If a dress is only in a certain area, Kuykendall will contact that store to find out all the details.

"I know how they are feeling, and I try to give back understanding," Kuykendall said.

Currently engaged, Kuykendall feels she can relate better to the women who enter her store. She always wants them to try on as many dresses as possible so they can get the best idea of what they want.

The summer season is the time when most weddings occur. When planning a wedding, Kuykendall advises women to look at as many dresses as necessary to find the perfect one. Right now the style of dresses has gone from very formal to simple and elegant. A popular style right now is a shorter length with mild beading, Kuykendall said.

Kuykendall's store also features tuxedos, invitations, prom dresses, veils, headpieces and gifts for special occasions.

During prom time, Kuykendall will record what dresses go to what school to prevent girls from going to prom and finding their twin.

Kuykendall wants to focus on spending time with each girl because that is what she deserves.

"I want to give the best quality service and be personable," Kuykendall said.

Jenni's Timeless Memories is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. The store is closed Sunday and Monday.

If the store's hours do not comply with a person's time schedule, appointments will be available for customers to meet with Kuykendall.

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Melissa Hahn, 20, and Jillian Joseph, 20, look at bridesmaid dresses at Jenni's Timeless Memories. The women decided to browse the new bridal shop Wednesday.

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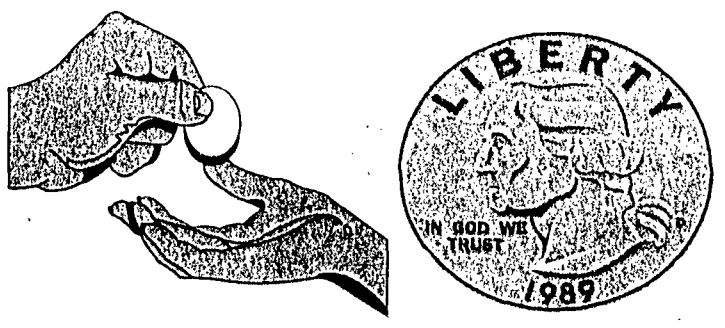

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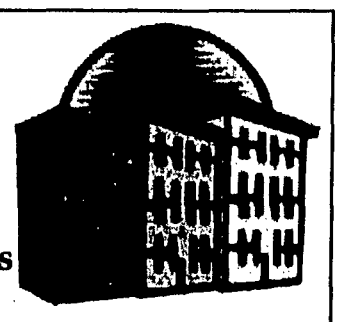

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Stroller presents awards

THE STROLLER

I have recently been reflecting on some words of advice my father always told me when I was growing up. His favorite advice, which he mentioned quite often was, "Son, pull your head out of your butt." Well it was very similar to that, but he normally changed a word or two.

So today I am going to play the role of my dad, because I have noticed a couple of people who have the same problem I did, and need to pull their head out of their butt.

The first individual I am going to tell you about really has some issues. It was late one evening and I was leaving Hy-Vee, when I noticed an employee attempting to get a soda out of the pop machine. Supposedly the machine ate his quarters, which in return really upset this guy. He started punching the Pepsi machine, Mike Tyson style, in an attempt to get his beverage from the machine. After this intelligent idea didn't work, the man proceeded to lower his shoulder and football tackle the machine. At one point I actually heard the guy yelling "say uncle, say uncle." There was one less "helpful smile in every aisle" that day. This guy definitely receives honors for the Pull Your Head Out of Your Butt Award.

But, we have a second contestant who has the same problem. This individual is a college student. One evening after a late night at the bar, he decided to park his car outside the dorms, crank Bruce Springstein as loud as it would go, and dance atop his car with two other friends.

All was going well with the dance party until the five-O rolled up. When the students noticed this, they took off running, including the kid who owned the vehicle. Hey buddy, proctologist called, found your head. He left his car running with the music up full blast, not a real bright idea. So, the student made his way back to his car. Five minutes later, he was arrested and spent the night in jail.

Neither of our two contestants rank very high on the intelligence ladder, and both have probably been told to pull their head out of their butt on more than one occasion. But, it is up to you, the reader, to decide which individual had his head further up his butt. If you want, you can send in your decision, along with a story about someone you know who always seems to have their head up their butt, to Your Man at the Missourian.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of *The Northwest Missourian*.

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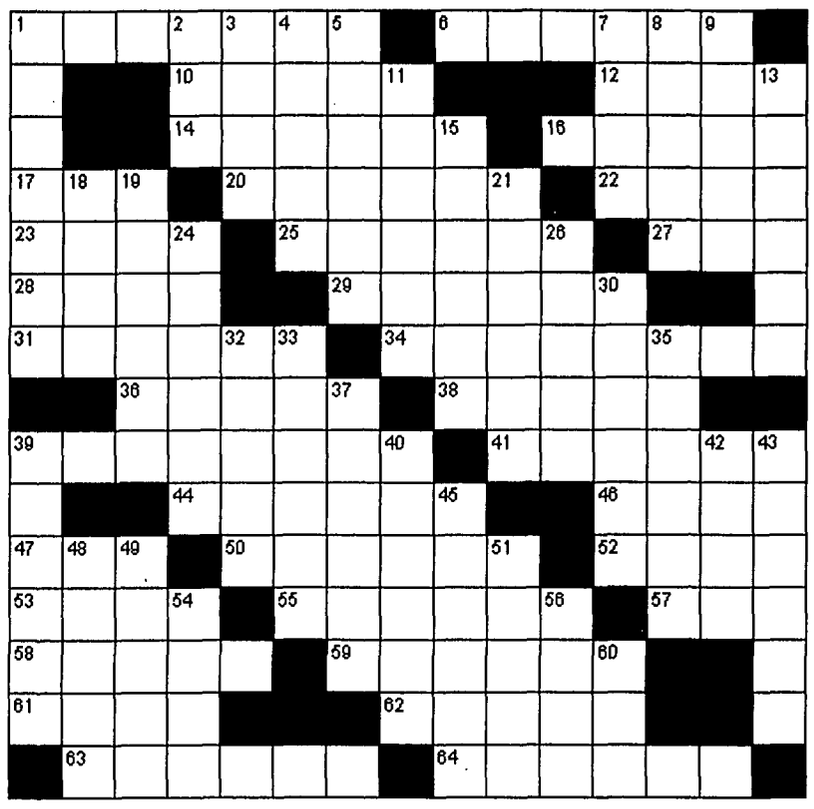

Across
1. Lease holders
6. Condescends
10. Harvests
12. Rules
14. Building material
16. Asian country
17. Miles per hour
20. Rots
22. Male swine
23. High-pitched tone
25. Circles
27. Brother
28. Wife of Jacob
29. Dandy
31. Little job
34. Carabiner
36. Reliable
38. Italian city
39. Farewell
41. 11th letter of the Greek alphabet
44. Lead astray
46. Dance
47. Did possess
50. Browns
52. Inhabitant of Serbia
53. Large cat
55. Draw again
57. Indian dish
58. German port
59. Sailor
61. Clothes-pins
62. Female name
63. Barren place
64. SE Massachusetts town

Down
1. Quiver
2. Curve
3. Requirement
4. Domesticates
5. Small spots
7. Readily fluent
8. Influential person
9. Vow
11. Gastropod mollusks
13. Powerful
15. Oppressor
18. Noble
19. Heartfelt
21. Apostle
24. Lighthouse
26. Above
30. Preens
32. Teams
33. More inanimate
35. Innate
37. Fleshy fruits
39. Carry with great effort
40. Yielding an acid
42. Female name
43. Moved at an easy pace
45. Merited
48. Directed
49. Evade
51. Fine fur
54. Promontory
56. Farm wagon
60. Son of Jacob

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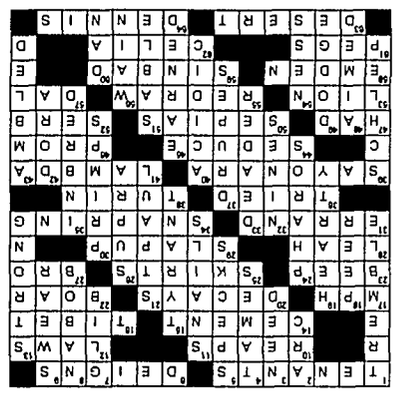

Entertainment Reviews

Lara Croft Tomb Raider delivers action, mystery

By APRIL WARNEMUNDE
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Angelina Jolie has played several diverse roles in her acting career. Mastering another, Jolie plays Lara Croft in *Lara Croft Tomb Raider*. Originally based on a computer game character, Lara Croft as been brought to life to save the world from disaster.

As a woman scorned by her father's death, and the time stolen from them, Croft is always seeking perfection to live up to her father's expectations. Now Croft must finish what her father started, and save the world from the corruption of a secret society searching for control of time.

Two pieces that are found on opposite sides of the Earth create the power to control time when linked together. Croft must find these pieces before her enemy. Temptation arises when she is aware that teaming up with the enemy can take her to the past, and bring her father back.

Directed by Simon West, director of *The General's Daughter*, a riveting display of action and talent in *Lara Croft Tomb Raider* is brought to his audience. With an all star cast including Jolie, Jon Voight, Daniel Craig and Leslie Phillips the movie is a guaranteed success.

Jolie was featured in *Hackers* as a computer genius, *Gia* as supermodel Gia Carangi and *Girl Interrupted* as a psychiatric patient. Her range of talent is unique in its own way, and she continues this mark of talent in her role as Lara Croft.

Lara Croft is a character so independent and head strong, she forgets she is a lady. She is constantly training and preparing herself for any upcoming obstacles she will have to face.

Voight, real-life father of Jolie, plays Lara Croft's father. A member of the secret society, Voight's character has been betrayed by his society and murdered.

Assumed lost in action, his death is still a mystery to Croft. He has sent his daughter the key the society wants in order to control time. Her second job is to secure it, but she is troubled about whether to abide by her father's wishes or use the tool to answer the questions of his death in the past.

Lara Croft Tomb Raider opened in theatres June 15. There is already talk of a sequel, and I can't wait. For Jolie fans, watch for her upcoming movie *Life or Something Like It*, which she is currently working on.

Overall, I give this movie 4 stars out of 5. It was a great movie with excellent talent and action.

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Royals' pitching set to "nip" it in bud

New coach confident to help struggling ballclub gain respect, overcome obstacles

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

The opportunity to prove themselves was there, but the results were the same for the Kansas City Royals pitching staff against goldglover Randy Johnson and the Arizona Diamondbacks June 8.

After the game, pitching coach Al Nipper, who was hired May 26 after spending time in the Texas Rangers minor league farm system coaching since 1998, was in the back of the Royals' locker room conversing with newly acquired pitcher, Paul Byrd.

Byrd, who started the game for the first time as a Royal, gave up eight hits, three runs and two home runs during five innings in an 11-4 loss to the Diamondbacks.

The questions were flowing back and forth between Nipper and Byrd, and at the same time they were being answered. Questions were built around Bryd's pitching control, how well he worked with catcher Hector Ortiz and how much damage was done to his confidence level.

Nipper, a 1981 graduate of Truman State University, was calm and collected after watching his pitchers get hammered by the Diamondbacks, but he knows where he stands with them.

"I've got to know them, know what makes them click, their stuff," Nipper said. "I'm big on preparation, the mental part of the game, being ready to come to pitch, have a plan- not that they didn't have a plan before."

The plan with former pitching coach Brent Strom was thought out, Nipper said but it just did not go the way Strom wanted.

"He worked his tail off to help the young pitchers improve, but it was just something that did not work out," Nipper said. "There were some things that went right for Brent, but then again there were more things that went wrong."

Not having a true experienced ace step up and take grasp of the No. 1 pitching slot is also something that has cost the Royals the last few years, Nipper said.

"With (Jose) Rosado's injuries constantly affecting his comeback, there is a huge void on who will take control as the ace of the team," Nipper said. "We have capable guys like (Jeff) Suppan and (Blake) Stein. I just gradually talk to them and implement some thoughts I've had and ways to go about doing things."

Nipper's guidance is slowly but surely taking effect as the team's ERA is gradually declining. It has gone from 5.22 June 10 to 4.91 June 25.

In the past nine games, the starters have a 3.29 ERA, allowing just 45 hits in 54 2/3 innings.

"When you become a unit, you're all striving for the same thing and the same ultimate goal and you police yourself," Nipper said. "They work together and have that close camaraderie, which they have. Each guy tries to out do the other guy and that's a very healthy, competitive environment."

Byrd said that even though he has only been in Kansas City less than a month, things could be promising with the more experience the young pitchers get.

"I have been in the league long enough to know that you have to have someone like Al always around, and you need to be willing to hear his opinion to succeed," Byrd said. "There is a lot of potential in this clubhouse, and if they keep listening to what Al is saying then things will start to take shape."

Not only is Nipper excited about what could happen with the Royals rotation, but there is also a lot of promise within Kansas City's farm system.

"We have the opportunity to turn this franchise into a proud, competitive team again, and I am not going to let up on any of the pitchers," Nipper said. "There are a lot of dedicated people within the organization, and I don't think they will let up either."

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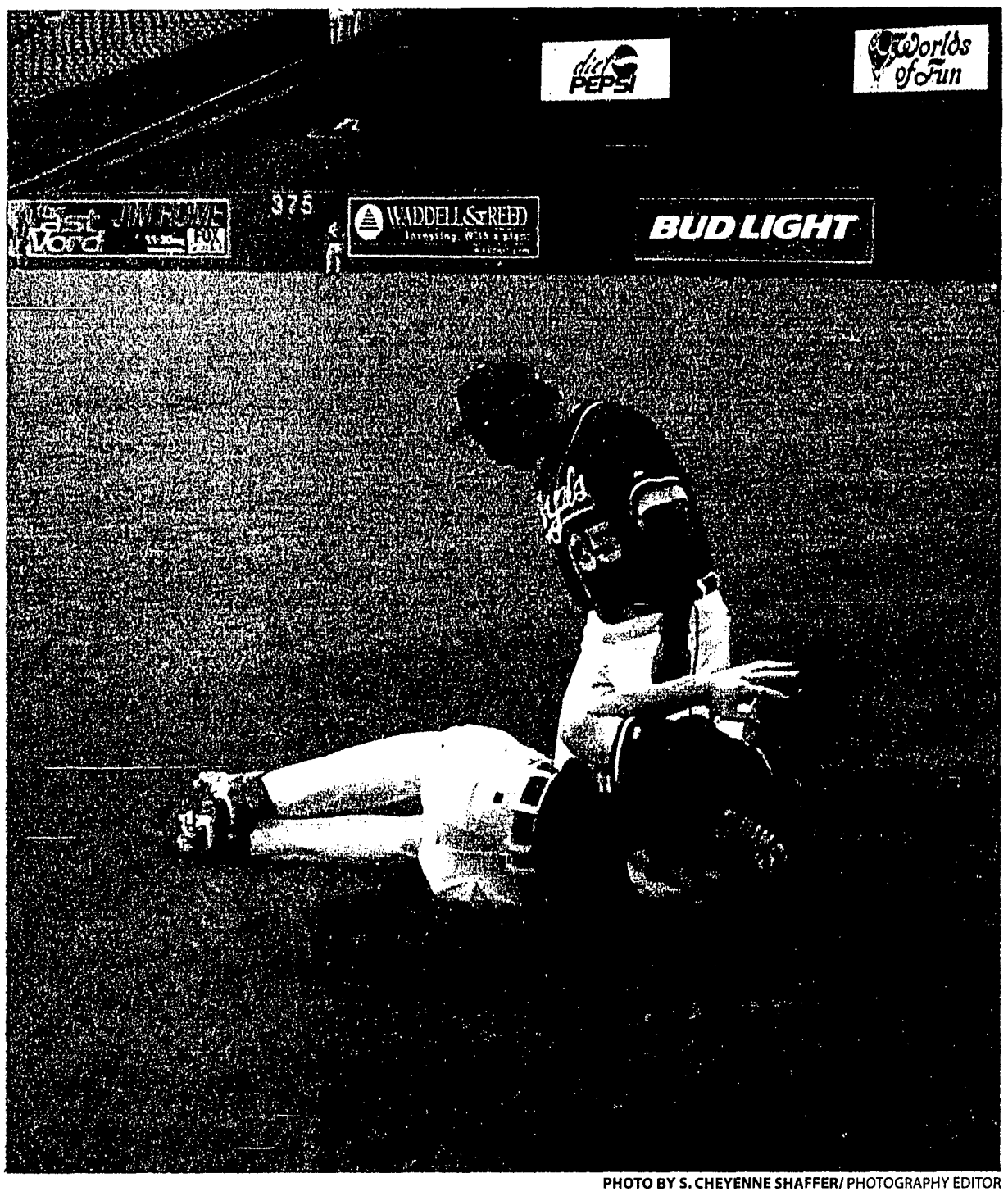

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Royals pitching coach Al Nipper helps Royals relief Jason Grimsley stretch before the June 8 game against the Arizona Diamondbacks. The Royals lost the game 11-4, but Nipper is optimistic he can help turn the young Royals pitching staff around. Nipper was hired by Kansas City May 26 and under his guidance he has helped the team improve its ERA from 5.22 June 10 to 4.91 June 25. Before joining the Royals, Nipper worked within the Texas Rangers organization.

Nipper's view on pitchers

Dan Reichert: "He has tremendous movement, his ball moves all over the place, has a good slider and has a loose arm."

Blake Stein: "He is throwing the ball very well the last four starts, starting in Texas. His confidence is soaring right now also. Again it reflects his performance. Confidence is a choice. You can choose to have confidence or choose not to have confidence. The only way you can have confidence is knowing that you've done everything to prepare physically, mentally and game preparation."

Chad Durbin: "He is a bulldog. He'll come right at you. He's a confident kid, very aggressive kid. He likes the tight situations. He's still young and is going to get better as he gains more experience, gains more knowledge, identifies things."

Jeff Suppan: "He's a student of the game. He understands the game, his ability. He's a smart guy, a command guy, mixes his pitches well. He's been throwing the ball well."

Kris Wilson: "I like Kris' determination, desire, his motivations. He wants to get better. He wants to be a good pitcher in this league and he's going to do anything he can to become that. I like his stuff. I like his grit."

Al Nipper's Biography

- Served as minor league pitching coordinator for the Texas Rangers since 1998 and was the MLB pitching coach for the Boston Red Sox from July '95 to April '96. He also served as a pitching coach in the Red Sox minor league system at Gulf Coast in '92, Sarasota (A) in '93 and '94, and Trenton (AA) in parts of the '95 and '96 seasons and the entire '97 season.
- Spent seven seasons in MLB from 1983-'88 and '90, compiling a 46-50 record with a 4.52 ERA in 144 games with Boston, the Chicago Cubs and Cleveland.
- In 1984 he was named the Red Sox co-Rookie Pitcher of the Year with Roger Clemens by the Boston Baseball Writers Association.

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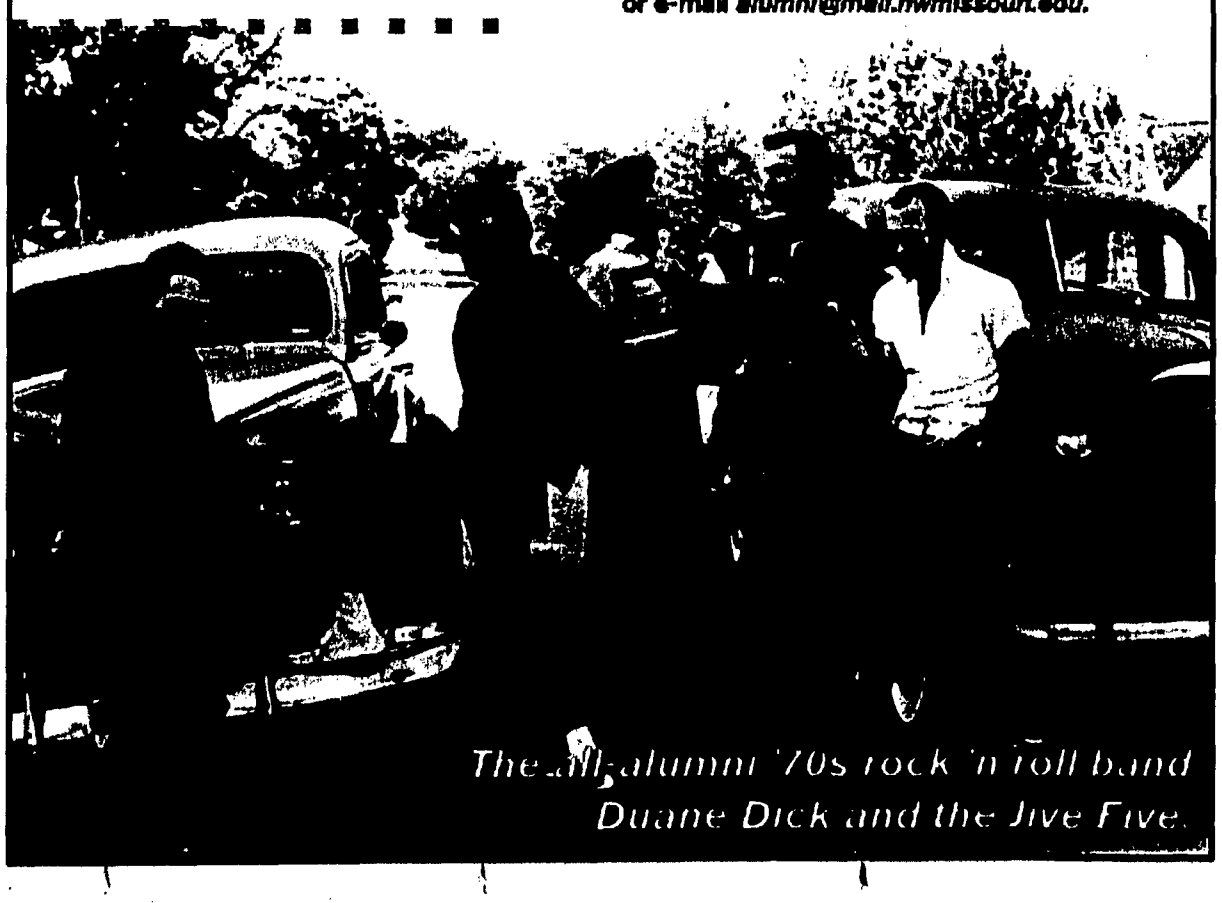

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